This would specify that whereas 'murder' and 'dacoities' registered a slight increase, crime under other categories showed a declining trend.

(d) The steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent occurrence of crimes in the Naitonal Capital Territory of Delhi include intensification of foot patrolling as well as motor cycle patrolling; a closer surveillance of known bad characters; and verification of the antecedents of the servants, etc.

Bomb blasts and communal clashes

39. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of bomb blasts occurred from July, 1996 to till date;

(b) what is the total number of communal clashes hapened during the above pariod;

(c) whether Government have sent any advice to the State Governments to avert the bomb blasts and communal clashes; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHIR L.K. ADVANI): (a) As per available reports, there were 555 explosions in, different parts of the country during the period July 1996 till date.

(b) A total of 1219 communal incidents are reported to have taken place since July, 1996 till date.

(c) and (d) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects, it is for the concenred State Government to devise various methods and take concrete steps in this regard. At the Central level, action is taken to facilitate co-ordination of the action against anti-social elements of different states and to improve flow of information useful for controlling the activities of anti-social elements among the States. By way of intelligence sharing the Central Government have been sending alert messages to State Government on the possibilities of bomb blaste and communal clashes. Further help is being provided to the State Governments in terms of financial assistance for modernisation of police, supply of improved weapons, deployment of para military forces, etc. In certain special circumstances, financial assistance has also been given to some of the affected States over and above the on-going allocation for modernisation of police and supply of weapons.

जाति के आधार पर जनगणना

40. **श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:**
श्री बलवंत सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में आगामी जनगणना के दौरान नागरिकों की जाति संबंधी जानकारी एकत्र करने के भी अनुदेश जारी किये गये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में क्या अनुदेश है; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले दशकों में देश में की गई अनेक जनगणनाओं के दौरान जाति-वार सूचना एकत्र करने की कोई प्रथा नहीं थी; यदि हां, तो अब उपर्युक्त जानकारी एकत्र करने के क्या कारण है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

(ग) जी हां। यह सत्य है कि गत दशकों के दौरान देश में की गई जनगणनाओं में जातिवार आंकड़े एकत्र करने की परिपाटी नहीं थी। तथापि, अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के बारे में आंकड़े एकत्रित किए गए थे। देश में आगामी जनगणना के दौरान अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के अलावा जातिवार आंकड़े एकत्रित करने के लिए अभी तक कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।